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P R O C E E D I N G S

10:07 a.m.

PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: This is the Integrated Energy Policy Report workshop on the 2008 Peak Demand Forecast and the Summer of 2007 Electricity Supply and Demand Outlook.

I am Commissioner Jackie Pfannenstiel, I am the Presiding Member of the Integrated Energy Policy Report Committee. To my left is Commissioner Byron who is the Presiding Commissioner on the Electricity Committee. To my right is Commissioner -- no, I'm sorry, an empty seat. To my right is Melissa Jones who is Commissioner Geesman's Senior Advisor. And since Commissioner Geesman was not able to be here today Melissa will represent Commissioner Geesman. And to Melissa's right is Suzanne Korosec who is Commissioner Geesman's other advisor.

With that why don't we turn it to Sylvia. Are we going to begin?

MS. BENDER: Yes. I am Sylvia Bender. I am the acting deputy director for the electricity supply analysis division and I am just going to run through, first of all, our little opening remarks we have here, our housekeeping

1 duties, and then let you know who is going to be
2 presenting the various parts of today's workshop.

3 For those of you who are not familiar
4 with this building the closest restrooms are
5 located across the lobby out there down to your
6 left. There is a snack bar on the second floor
7 under the awning. Lastly, in the event of an
8 emergency and the building is evacuated please
9 follow our employees to the appropriate exits. We
10 will reconvene at Roosevelt Park located
11 diagonally across the street from this building.
12 Please proceed calmly and quickly, again,
13 following employees with whom you are meeting to
14 safely exit the building.

15 To begin our workshop today we divided
16 this into two parts. The first part will be the
17 2008 Peak Demand Draft Forecast that will be
18 presented by Lynn Marshall and Tom Gorin. And at
19 the conclusion of that portion of the workshop
20 we'll then move into the Summer 2007 Electricity
21 Supply and Demand Outlook that will be presented
22 by Denny Brown.

23 So Lynn, if you're ready to start we'll
24 go ahead.

25 MS. MARSHALL: A few comments about why

1 are we doing this today. Probably what we're
2 presenting is our proposed peak demand forecast
3 for the summer of 2008. The primary use of this
4 is going to be to provide a forecast for the IOU
5 service areas that will serve as the reference
6 case for 2008 resource adequacy.

7 So in the PUC resource adequacy
8 proceeding they have decided that the CEC forecast
9 is in effect the control total. So to the extent
10 that the sum of the LSE forecasts deviate from our
11 forecasts by more than one percent their forecasts
12 are going to be adjusted ultimately to within one
13 percent of the CEC forecast.

14 However, we are also presenting our
15 updated, our analysis of 2006 weather normalized
16 loads and 2008 forecasts for the rest of the ISO
17 and the for the non-ISO parts of the state.

18 And the reason those are important is
19 our forecast does get used not only in the Energy
20 Commission energy policy analysis but it's also
21 used by the ISO and the PTOs in their expansion
22 plans. The ISO uses our 1 in 10 forecast for
23 their LCR studies. And they don't just look at
24 ISO jurisdictional. They include the non-
25 jurisdictionals, SMUD and LA.

1 So we're interested in getting comments
2 on our methodology and our analysis for all of
3 those areas.

4 Additionally, our analysis of 2006 is
5 going to serve as a starting point for our
6 forthcoming, revised Ten Year Forecast that we
7 expect to be publishing next month for a workshop
8 in July.

9 So to summarize what we're doing is,
10 analyzing loads and temperatures in 2006 to come
11 up with weather normalized load for each utility
12 area. We're using the growth rate from our last
13 adopted forecast of 2005 IEPR.

14 Generally for PG&E and SDG&E we've got
15 revised up on the order of one and a half percent.
16 And Edison we found less load growth than we had
17 forecast and so the Edison forecast is going down.

18 For the POUs we have not revisited those
19 forecasts since September 2005 IEPR. We analyzed
20 the IOU service areas only last June to support
21 the 2007 Resource Adequacy Process.

22 So we have smaller changes for the IOUs.
23 However for most of the POUs we see some pretty
24 big changes just because it's been so long since
25 we've updated our forecasts. So we now have a

1 consistent set of updated peak starting points.

2 This shows the 2006 growth rates and the
3 change in our analysis for 2006. And we're going
4 to go through today each of the results for each
5 of these areas.

6 And following our presentation then
7 we'll give each of the utilities an opportunity to
8 comment and make their own their own
9 presentations.

10 Generally for our methodology we're
11 using two weather statistics that were regressing
12 on afternoon peak demand for each area. We've
13 collected data from each of the utilities on the
14 actual interruptions that took place last summer,
15 demand response and interruptible load
16 curtailments.

17 And we used a three-day, weighted
18 maximum temperatures, 60 percent today 30 percent
19 yesterday, 10 percent the day before. This table
20 shows the weights for the weather stations, how
21 each weather station is weighted. These weights
22 are based on the distribution of air conditioning
23 saturations from our Residential Appliance
24 Saturation Surveys.

25 For some areas, Edison in particular

1 were using a diurnal spread variable. So it's the
2 difference between the min and the max for each
3 day. And to some extent it's a proxy for
4 humidity. It also captures the fact that when you
5 have a lack of overnight cooling.

6 So we're using that in southern
7 California. And in PG&E we have not found it to
8 be significant.

9 I think I'll show the next graph first.
10 This shows the 2005 and '06 daily peaks plotted
11 against those PG&E weighted maximum temperatures.
12 And you kind of see when we were doing our 2005
13 analysis, 2005 was a very cool year so we had a
14 lot of uncertainty temperature about what the
15 temperature response was going to be at higher
16 temperatures.

17 2006 we're able to validate the weather
18 stations we're using. And we get revising our
19 forecast up about 1.6 percent

20 I should mention that in the report we
21 do an analysis of the debate we had last year over
22 the various weather statistics that should be used
23 between us and PG&E.

24 And in those graphs we refer to PG&E
25 weather stations. And that's not really a PG&E

1 forecast. That's our illustration of the
2 alternative methodology that was discussed last
3 year. So that's not a PG&E forecast. They
4 actually have a different methodology they're
5 using this year I understand.

6 So to go back to the previous table that
7 shows the results, those are revised 1 in 2. And
8 for each of the 1 in 5, 10 in 20 cases we've
9 included those multipliers for the hot weather
10 scenarios have gone up just a little bit from
11 about, I think the 1 in 10 has gone up from about
12 three and a half percent to maybe 3.7 by inclusion
13 of 2006 in our weather history.

14 And we'll come back to the 1 in 10. So
15 to evaluate how well the weather statistics that
16 we're using are predicting or, this shows the
17 regression coefficients that we estimated using
18 the actual temperatures that occurred plotted
19 against the actual peak demands.

20 And for the 2006 the fit is pretty good.
21 We have a standard error of I think about 2.5
22 percent on a year ahead basis when we're using
23 last year's coefficients and then using a growth
24 rate that adds some error not surprisingly. So we
25 have a standard of about 3.5 percent. And that's

1 pretty typical I think for most of the IOUs
2 modelled results anyway.

3 The PG&E service area that we're using
4 don't cover, those are PG&e bundled and direct
5 access customers only. So to update forecast for
6 the rest of northern California we used hourly
7 loads from most of the LSEs as provided to us.
8 Some of the smaller ones we're having to estimate
9 from energy use.

10 But this shows the updated forecasts for
11 each of those. Probably the most notable one here
12 is Silicon Valley Power where there was, we found
13 2005 to '06 growth I think six or seven percent.
14 Pretty significant growth which is consistent with
15 their forecast. They've been seeing that for
16 several years as vacancy rates in their areas
17 declined.

18 In most of the other areas the growth
19 rate was similar '05 growth rate was similar to
20 PG&E, maybe one to two percent.

21 So I'll talk a little bit about how we
22 do the 1 in 2 versus the 1 in 10. So this is a
23 distribution of using our 2006 regression
24 coefficients. We run it through all of our 56
25 years of weather data to come with a predicted

1 daily peak.

2 And from that we extract a predicted
3 annual maximum. And so we've ranked, they're now
4 in rank order here.

5 The 2006 predicted annual peak, you can
6 see there that's the second highest out of the 56
7 years. And it's higher even than our 1 in 20
8 point. So it clearly was an extreme event.

9 So the 1 in 2 is the median of these
10 predicted annual peaks. And the 1 in 10 is about
11 approximately the sixth highest peak.

12 Now this methodology is in effect
13 assuming that this is a population of possible
14 outcomes. And some utilities have pointed out
15 that this is really a sample because this is all
16 the data we have right now. But there's lots of
17 other things that have happened in the past and
18 possible future outcomes.

19 If you treated this as a sample from
20 assuming we say on the graph normal distribution.
21 Actually for this example we used a T distribution
22 which is similar, normally distributed.

23 You get a higher if you look at the red
24 line, you get a much higher 1 in 10. It goes from
25 3.6 percent to something like six percent. And

1 you're setting the 1 in 10 at a level that we
2 actually have only seen, that has only been
3 exceeded in three of the last 56 years.

4 I think we're probably going to come
5 back to that topic as the utilities make their
6 comments.

7 One of the things that you can see from
8 this and I guess I'll talk about this one. There
9 is most of the annual maximum temperatures are
10 there clustered within the center. And you have a
11 relatively few very extreme events.

12 So it's not clear from looking at this
13 chart that this is obviously normally distributed.
14 So the alternative methodology is pretty different
15 results.

16 Our Edison forecast and these are the
17 2005 and '06 daily peaks plotted against the daily
18 maximum temperatures. We do also use a diurnal
19 spread variable.

20 What we found for the Edison area in
21 2006 was essentially no load growth. That's in a
22 big contrast, we have the 2004 point down there.
23 We saw a lot of load growth from '04 to '05 and in
24 the last few years as we're rebounding from the
25 effects of the energy crises and tech bubble.

1 There has been a lot of growth. But we just in
2 these data we don't see any growth at all in '05
3 and '06.

4 So as a result we're revising our
5 forecast down actually. And as you can see from
6 this table, we have the forecast that Edison has
7 submitted. And actually for this forecast I've
8 included their planning area forecast that was in
9 their long term procurement plan filing because
10 it's on a comparable basis.

11 So we have a big difference their that
12 we will come back and talk about more when Edison
13 makes their comments.

14 We are not seeing a continuation of the
15 load growth that we have in recent years.

16 Okay here's a measure of our actual
17 daily peaks versus our model's prediction. And
18 again it's the 2006 regressions have a standard
19 error of around 2.5 percent. Our year ahead
20 forecast method adds about a percent to that.

21 For the disaggregation of the Edison
22 planning area forecast, Edison's planning area
23 loads include all the resale cities and MWDs. So
24 we tried to do more accurate breakdown of that.
25 So we haven't revisited the Anaheim, Riverside

1 Vernon loads et cetera in a couple of years.

2 And you can see they're a lot higher.

3 But we went through each one of those either using
4 FERC data or hourly loads from their settlement
5 data and estimated a weather adjusted peak. So I
6 think we have a more consistent set of
7 disaggregation.

8 The sum of these were within a fraction
9 of a percent of our planning area total. So we
10 did not have to apply a big calibration factor to
11 get these to sum up nicely.

12 Which I would say in 2005 was not the
13 case. We had a really big calibration factor to
14 do this. And the problem really was our planning
15 area forecast was too low. And that's why you're
16 seeing now we're able to, we're revising the POU
17 forecasts up.

18 And this is a graph similar to how we
19 showed the PG&E annual predicted maximum
20 temperature distribution. So we have our, the 1
21 in 2 is the median, you can see 2006 there is just
22 under our 1 in 10 level. So in the Edison area
23 last year was about a 1 in 8.

24 Here we've plotted the ten year averages
25 through history in the Edison area. And I think

1 it's interesting to note that they move around a
2 lot. So people talk about global warming it's not
3 obvious, 2006 is one data point that we had a
4 similar event both in PG&E in 1972. But there's
5 not an obvious upward trend.

6 There appear to be cycles and there are
7 some weather phenomenon that could be associated
8 with those cycles. But we don't see an obvious
9 time over the whole 50 years of data we're using.

10 This is the distribution of annual
11 temperatures. Tom do you want to talk about San
12 Diego? The San Diego weather puzzle.

13 MR. GORIN: I want to go back.

14 MS. MARSHALL: You want to go back?

15 MR. GORIN: This is different. These
16 are the same charts as in the other presentations.
17 San Diego presented some interesting problems this
18 year in trying to figure out what exactly was
19 going on.

20 They actually peaked on a Saturday.
21 Which utilities aren't supposed to do. But since
22 they did that it made for some interesting
23 conversation.

24 The fit was not as good as it has been
25 in previous years using the typical temperature

1 variables. And the representative from San Diego
2 may want to go into that too. Because I've had
3 discussions with him. And he's using more
4 variables than just temperature and diurnal
5 variation.

6 This is a scatter plot of the top
7 temperature days. And there's a couple
8 interesting things to note here. The blue,
9 there's a lot more blue dots than there are pink
10 dots from 2005.

11 The highest combined temperature was 91
12 degrees which probably felt good to people down
13 there.

14 Another interesting note is that the
15 last Tuesday in June was the second highest
16 temperature of the year the way we calculated it.
17 And it appeared to be the first warm day of the
18 year.

19 And so the load was disproportionately
20 low to the temperatures. There's also another
21 point.

22 The day after Labor Day September 5th
23 was kind the end of a little heat aberration in
24 San Diego. And it was almost the last hurrah of
25 heat there. So that gives you a higher load.

1 So trying to figure out peoples'
2 behavior and their air conditioning use around the
3 temperature patterns that we saw last proved to be
4 a little difficult.

5 This is a, reports the results compared
6 with San Diego's were, the 2008 forecasts are
7 relatively close. Weather normalized values are
8 relatively close.

9 There is more variation using the
10 regression results. You can see the, the
11 regression results greatly overpredict the first
12 hot weather period. They're fairly good on peak.
13 And they underpredict the last hot weather spike.

14 So I would venture to say if we did this
15 on annual basis we'd be, actually for San Diego we
16 have data for 1979 to 2006. This would not be a
17 typical pattern of San Diego weather that you
18 would probably see.

19 This is the same type of distribution
20 for San Diego. It's limited to 1979 to 2006.
21 There's a lot smaller variation between the two
22 methods of estimating the 1 in 10 scale.

23 You can see 2006 is more toward the
24 center. There have been hot periods in San Diego
25 prior to when we have FERC loads for. It would

1 actually be interesting to see what the actual and
2 maybe prior to when a lot of people had air
3 conditioning down there.

4 Now I think in all of the southern
5 California utilities there's a lot of air
6 conditioning all the way up to the ocean. So when
7 the sun comes out and it gets hot people can use
8 it.

9 This is really the 27 year chronological
10 temperature ten year averages. It shows a similar
11 pattern to Edison. Both the Edison and the San
12 Diego annual, this is a combination of El Cajon,
13 Miramar and Lindbergh Field a composite
14 temperature that we used.

15 They're more uniformly distributed than
16 the PG&E distribution I think. And I went back to
17 Lindbergh Field because we have a longer history.
18 And you see the same kind of variation.

19 There's cyclical patterns, maybe not
20 cyclical patterns but there's patterns that happen
21 for, I'm sure we can understand what the reason
22 for them happening was. I'm not sure that we can
23 forecast what the, when they're going to happen
24 again.

25 And this is the distribution of

1 Lindbergh temperatures from 1959 to 2006. And
2 you'll notice that in two years it was, they had
3 incidences of 100 degree three day weighted
4 average temperature there. But they were back in
5 the 50s and 60s as I remember it.

6 Our analysis for SMUD, similar scatter
7 plot. There was a, we raised, there was greater
8 temperature response in 2006 than there was in
9 2005.

10 You can see that in 2006 you can
11 actually see the load starting to tail off on the
12 top end. It never reached a point where it
13 flattened out which would kind of indicate that
14 all of the air conditioners were running 60
15 minutes an hour and the load was fully saturated.

16 But it looks almost like at a point of
17 about 105 degrees and if you could turn the slide
18 sideways and look at it lengthwise you can
19 actually see the S shape to that curve.

20 We've been trying to figure out where,
21 if there actually is a point at which load
22 flattens out. And I've done some work even with
23 the Arizona utilities and they keep growing at
24 high temperatures. Maybe at a decreased rate but
25 it doesn't seem that there's actually a

1 saturation point that we've been able to reach
2 yet.

3 We have fairly large difference between
4 our forecast and the SMUD forecast. I've been
5 talking with the SMUD forecaster about it.

6 Maybe in the way we represent
7 temperature we use the Executive Airport. They
8 use a combination of Executive Airport and
9 downtown. We're going to look to see how much
10 difference that makes.

11 Our forecast is really focussed on
12 annual peak. And theirs is more on day-to-day
13 load forecasts. So theirs is oriented towards
14 even hourly and daily loads.

15 So we're going to try and resolve those
16 differences. We have a fairly good fit of the
17 actual versus predicted. We over predict I think
18 the holiday periods. Which may mean that
19 sometimes in the holiday periods people leave town
20 here. They get out of the service area. They go
21 where it's cooler.

22 The same peak distributions for SMUD.
23 Using the normal distribution gives you a slightly
24 narrower band. But you can see there you know
25 2006 was about a 1 in 10 event in SMUD. Where you

1 know there are two years where temperatures were a
2 lot worse than they were last year.

3 This is again the ten year averages of
4 SMUD temperatures and the annual averages. And I
5 think they're relatively random. But they're
6 pretty tightly clustered in the middle between a
7 103 and 106 degrees.

8 If you said that's what the maximum
9 temperature in the summer year was you'd be pretty
10 accurate in a guess.

11 L.A., we visited for the first time in a
12 while. The L.A. loads at higher temperatures were
13 a lot more diverse this year than they were last
14 year which we're trying to pin down why that is.
15 It may be a function of the weather stations we
16 use versus the ones that are available and the
17 ones that L.A. uses.

18 They use the Civic Center. We actually
19 use Long Beach and Burbank and a combination of
20 those because they were airports that had a 50
21 year history.

22 They noted in correspondence with them
23 that they use the Civic Center and actually in '98
24 the Civic Center changed and that increased the
25 temperature in downtown L.A.

1 And we're trying to figure out how we
2 would adjust for that for considering what normal
3 is.

4 Our forecast is almost seven percent
5 higher than L.A.'s forecast. We're still kind of
6 in the process of discussing with them what the
7 differences are and may make some revisions to it.

8 This is another actual versus predicted
9 After the peak of the summer the predictions were
10 not as good as they could have been for the three
11 days surrounding the peak of the summer. And I
12 guess that's it. Questions?

13 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL:
14 Commissioner Byron, questions? None at the
15 moment. Thank you Tom.

16 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER; Tom were
17 all those temperatures --

18 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Excuse
19 me, if you're going to ask questions I think you
20 need to go to the podium so they can capture the.

21 MR. KATSAPIS: Tom just real quickly.
22 All the temperatures you're presenting, are they
23 on the 631 basis?

24 MS. MARSHALL: Please identify yourself.

25 MR. KATSAPIS: Greg Katsapis of SDG&E.

1 MR. GORIN: Yes I believe they are. We
2 use the weighted average maximum temperature that
3 Lynn described earlier. In order to shorten the
4 name of it that's the maximum temperature that we
5 referred to.

6 MS. MARSHALL: Next we'll have PG&E make
7 their comments. Let's see, here it is. Just hit
8 that to page down. Let's get the lights down
9 here.

10 MR. ASLIN: Good morning and it's a
11 pleasure to be here. My name is Richard Aslin and
12 I work for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
13 And I head up the economics and forecasting team.

14 And one of the things that we do is
15 produce the PG&E System Peak Load. I just wanted
16 to check and make sure that I'm using this
17 microphone properly.

18 MS. MARSHALL: Yes.

19 MR. ASLIN: Okay, thanks. So what I'd
20 like to do is, I just have a few slides. I have
21 to say right off the top that those slides were
22 available when you walked, it's not the full
23 package that I have here.

24 That package of slides was based on some
25 discussions that Lynn and Tom and I have had over

1 the last couple of weeks. And I added some slides
2 after I picked up the actual report. So there's a
3 few extra slides. But those will be available on
4 your website.

5 I just have a couple of primary themes.
6 One is that I would like to express that PG&E
7 really supports the IEPR process. We think it's a
8 good process. And we think it does result in
9 better forecasts, better understood forecasts and
10 forecasts that people can buy into. So we do
11 support the process.

12 And I'd also like to thank Lynn and Tom
13 for all the work that they've done. They've been
14 very helpful over the last several years in
15 helping us to improve our forecasts.

16 And the other thing, once I get into the
17 presentation I, there I really have just a couple
18 of themes also.

19 One is kind of anti-climactic in terms
20 of the actual workshop which is that for the most
21 part we pretty much agree with the CEC's 2006 and
22 2008 projections for PG&E.

23 But the bigger thing that I'd like to
24 talk about is load forecast uncertainty. Because
25 I think that's a real issue going forward and

1 probably ties in a little bit better with the
2 second presentation than the first from the CEC on
3 2007 Summer Outlook and going forward.

4 So with that I will move on. As far as
5 the 2006 summer loads go based on the information
6 we have from the CEC staff we don't have any major
7 differences in what temperature normalized 2006
8 loads would have been.

9 We don't know exactly what they would
10 have been. As Lynn pointed out the error
11 variances, you know 2.5 to 3.5 percent which
12 translated into megawatts is 500 to 700 megawatts.

13 But on an expected value basis coming in
14 about one percent, within one percent of the CEC's
15 estimates. But then that's what I would call
16 consistent.

17 Just as a little kind of factoid, the
18 PG&E did a lot of work after the, well leading up
19 to and after the workshops that we had last year
20 after the summer heat storm which were very, very
21 beneficial, by the way, and as part of that work
22 we did kind of hone in on what was this recurrence
23 interval event for PG&E service territory the 2006
24 summer heat storm,

25 And we place it somewhere between a 1 in

1 30 and a 1 in 40 type event. But one thing that
2 we should keep in mind and one of the questions
3 that was asked I think repeatedly after the summer
4 heat storm event because we did have a lot of
5 meteorologists, we did talk a lot about climate
6 change and one of the things that we should keep
7 in mind is that what, this is 1 in 35 relative to
8 the historic period 1960 to 2005.

9 And the real question is are we going to
10 start seeing those types of heat storm events more
11 frequently going forward. That's the real
12 question for me.

13 And if we take a look at some fairly
14 recent studies that were done by the California
15 Climate Change Center the answer to that question
16 is, yes.

17 So what we've seen here is a graph and
18 what it's doing is it's showing the historical
19 maximum hourly temperatures in degrees centigrade
20 for a average of San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno and
21 Los Angeles.

22 And what you can see is that in the
23 historic period 1961 to 1990 it was not exactly
24 the historic period that we're using but you know,
25 close just to give you an idea. In that historic

1 period the average temperature calculated there
2 maximum temperature is much lower than it is if we
3 move to the next period which is 2005 to 2034.

4 And as we move further and further out
5 in time over the century that just keeps
6 increasing and increasing.

7 So I would like people to take away from
8 this and think about is whether what we are
9 currently calling a 1 in 5 or a 1 in 10 is really
10 if we believe the climate change models and if the
11 downscaling of these global climate change models
12 to our service territory climate are correct.
13 That will actually be the 1 in 2 going forward.
14 That's something to think about.

15 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Rich as
16 we think about that, are you, is PG&E actually
17 using these higher temperatures then in your
18 going-forward forecasts?

19 MR. ASLIN: Actually what we've done is
20 we've started to work with the National Center for
21 Atmospheric Research in Boulder to develop a
22 temperature series that does incorporate this
23 downscaling of global climate change.

24 It's not completed yet. And we're
25 hoping to have it for the next forecast cycle.

1 But we don't have it done right now.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
3 you.

4 MR. ASLIN: So just going to the 2008
5 load projections. Also there for 2008 based on
6 the information from CEC staff, our 2008 forecast
7 for PG&E service areas is also consistent with the
8 2008 projection that's out there right now.

9 So we're within one percent. We're
10 actually even closer there than we were on the
11 historics. So we're really between, we're within
12 a 100 megawatts.

13 But that's only looking at the 1 in 2
14 recurrence interval temperature forecast. And one
15 thing that I would like to be able to discuss with
16 staff going forward is that we do have a pretty
17 big difference between our analysis and the
18 staff's analysis when it comes to more extreme
19 temperature events.

20 So, for example, when we calculate our 1
21 in 10 recurrence interval forecast we end with a
22 forecast that's about six percent higher than our
23 1 in 2 forecast.

24 And if I understood the CEC's forecast
25 correctly what they're ending up with is something

1 that's about 3.7 percent higher. And that's a
2 difference of about 500 megawatts.

3 And the thing as Lynn has pointed out 1
4 in 10 forecast is starting to be used in more
5 places. So it would be good if maybe we could
6 focus in this round of the IEPR on trying to gain
7 some consensus around what that recurrence
8 interval, the 1 in 10 in particular, hopefully
9 even the more extreme temperature recurrence
10 intervals we can get some consensus around that.

11 Because we're pretty different on that.
12 And just to give you a frame of reference --

13 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Excuse me can
14 you characterize what you attribute that
15 substantial difference to?

16 MR. ASLIN: I actually attribute it to
17 the fact that Lynn and Tom were talking about how
18 they have gone to this temperature statistic which
19 was four temperature stations which were weighted
20 I think on air conditioning saturation.

21 And I'd have to say that after the
22 summer heat storm event and the workshops and
23 everything we also went to work on the temperature
24 statistic.

25 And what we're using now is an 11

1 station statistic which is weighted by summer and
2 winter sales. But we're also using the min and
3 the max. We're actually using the average but
4 that includes the min and the max.

5 And what happened was that as soon as we
6 started to use the average temperature what we
7 started to see was the dispersion between the 1 in
8 2 on an average temperature basis using those 11
9 stations.

10 And the 1 in 10 for those 11 stations on
11 an average temperature basis was actually pretty
12 large. Much larger than just using the maximum
13 temperatures. So that's what I attribute it to,
14 really just rethinking the temperature statistic
15 and starting to include the minimum temperature
16 into the picture.

17 Because I have some slides on this.
18 They're in the package. But I don't want to
19 really bore people with this.

20 What we really found was that in
21 northern California we also have this sort of same
22 thing as what Lynn and Tom were explaining. In
23 southern California it's a humidity effect where
24 you don't have a big dispersion between min and
25 max.

1 But we also see that in northern
2 California as you start to move to the more
3 extreme temperature events. What happens is the
4 maximum temperature really doesn't keep going up
5 and up and up. But the minimum temperature really
6 goes up. And so that increases load. Does that
7 answer your question?

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Yes, thank you.

9 MR. ASLIN: Okay. And just to go back
10 to climate change for just a second to also give
11 some perspective. So the California Climate
12 Change Center also produced a report very recently
13 where they really looked at the effect of climate
14 change on electric consumption going forward.

15 And what they found was that using
16 certain scenarios and actually this A1F1 scenario
17 or F1 scenario, it's kind of a mid-range scenario.
18 It's not the most extreme scenario. It's very
19 much mid-range.

20 And what they were finding was that
21 according to their models what we should expect
22 relative to this historic period 1990 to, I'm
23 sorry, 1961 to 1990, that the temperature
24 statistic based on that if we move to a
25 temperature statistic that was based on

1 downscaling the global climate change models what
2 we would expect is to see an increase in the peak
3 demand at the 1 in 2 level of about 4.8 percent.

4 And 4.8 percent is a pretty large amount
5 of megawatts. It's like a thousand megawatts.

6 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: So just to make
7 sure I understand this table here. The peak
8 demand annual percentage increase is 4.8 over each
9 of those years.

10 MR. ASLIN: Well I was just saying, if
11 we, if you calculate your temperature statistic so
12 your benchmark temperature for the 1 in 2 level
13 and you use the period 1990 or 1961 to 1990, that
14 historic period, and you run your model and then
15 in the next step you calculate a new benchmark
16 temperature based on downscaling of global climate
17 change models, and you run that exact same
18 forecast model over that, the result will be that
19 your peak demand would be 4.8 percent higher using
20 a temperature statistic that incorporates the
21 global climate change downscaling.

22 And I'm not saying that's the truth or
23 anything. I'm just saying that's something we
24 should really think about. Because that's a
25 thousand megawatts of load uncertainty over the

1 next couple of decades, three decades, that we
2 should be aware of. And try to incorporate in
3 some way into our thinking.

4 So again the key messages that I wanted
5 to put out there for today was that in terms of
6 both the 2006 temperature normalized load and the
7 2008 forecast peak load, we're pretty much really
8 consistent with the CEC staff's ideas around
9 those.

10 And that's again on the 1 in 2 level but
11 that when it comes to these more extreme levels
12 for the forecast, the 1 in 10 and so on, we
13 differ. And to put some perspective around that.

14 The ISO had an estimate in a very recent
15 publication. And they estimated that the NP 26, 1
16 in 10 scalar was 6.5 percent. And I mentioned
17 earlier PG&E's model now shows six percent.

18 And also if I remember correctly the
19 Southern California Edison scalar for 1 in 10 is
20 close to nine percent. The San Diego Gas and
21 Electric scalar is close to nine percent. I think
22 I saw the LADWP scalar was around nine percent.

23 But PG&E's is still down there in the
24 3.7 percent range. And I just, and again, I'm not
25 saying that that's wrong either. Because one of

1 my messages here is about load uncertainty.

2 But I do think if we could focus on
3 trying to get some consensus around that going
4 forward that would be beneficial for the
5 forecasts.

6 And I think that's all I have to say.
7 There are other slides in the presentation so if
8 anybody has questions on those they can certainly
9 give me a call or send me an email or something.
10 But that's it for now. I'd be happy to take any
11 questions.

12 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Let me
13 just pursue that a moment because it is a big
14 difference, the difference in PG&E's estimate and
15 the staff estimate on the 1 in 10 compared to the
16 1 in 2. Those are fairly significant differences
17 in terms of the load impact.

18 And what are you, what's the difference?
19 Is it as you said before the difference in the
20 reporting areas or the temperature, I mean how do
21 we get, how do we peel that back?

22 MR. ASLIN: Well, what I think the most
23 productive thing to do right off the top would be
24 for us to get together and try to develop a common
25 temperature statistic that we're using.

1 Because right now my guess is, well we
2 used to actually get that same 1 in 10, I can tell
3 you that. We used to get the 1 in 10. It was
4 about four percent bigger than the 1 in 2. And
5 that's because we were just using the maximum
6 temperature.

7 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: So it
8 really is that the difference between maximum and
9 minimum you think that that's a different way of
10 doing the calculation.

11 MR. ASLIN: Yes. And I think that's
12 really why, and I'm not sure exactly how the daily
13 dispersion is factored into the 1 in 10 and the 1
14 in 20 temperature statistic. But that's not used
15 for PG&E. So for Southern California Edison for
16 San Diego Gas and Electric and for others the
17 minimum temperature is being incorporated into the
18 recurrence interval temperature statistic.

19 But for PG&E I don't believe that is the
20 case. So I think we --

21 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Right I
22 thought Lynn said before they didn't find that to
23 be significant? Is that correct?

24 MR. ASLIN: Yeah, I think that might be
25 true if you look at any individual year. But I

1 think that when you start to look at the
2 temperature statistics themselves over a long
3 period of time that doesn't tend to be the case.

4 But I think it's something to explore.
5 That's really my request. That we could explore
6 that further.

7 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL:
8 Important, Tom did you have a comment on that?

9 MR. GORIN: Well --

10 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Green
11 light on.

12 MR. GORIN: Green light on. It's
13 something that I think we need to explore the
14 differences in weather stations and how they're
15 weighted with PG&E.

16 There's another difference between PG&E
17 and the southern California utilities in that
18 there's a lot less air conditioning in the Bay
19 Area in PG&E. So there's not a lot of ability to
20 respond to hot temperatures, unlike the southern
21 California utilities.

22 I mean it may be that if it continues to
23 have, continues to be hotter in PG&E, in the Bay
24 Area for short periods of time, people may start
25 to put air conditioning in.

1 They're doing that in the northwest on
2 the coast. But I'm not, I think that's part of
3 the difference in the reduced percentage of
4 recurrence interval for PG&E is if next year if
5 it's hot for a week in San Francisco they don't
6 really have the ability to respond to it unless
7 Home Depot runs out of air conditioners.

8 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: What
9 year graphs are you using? Is it a recent?

10 MR. GORIN: It's the 2002 that's the
11 most recent we have.

12 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I
13 suppose it is possible that air conditioning
14 saturation has increased since 2002 in some of the
15 key parts of the PG&E area?

16 MR. GORIN: We've reweighted using the
17 2002 graphs for PG&E. I think our assumption now
18 for PG&E is about seven percent of the San
19 Francisco Bay Area has air conditioning of the
20 households.

21 It's a much larger portion in the San
22 Jose region. But it's one thing that we would
23 need to keep a watch on. But I think --

24 MS. MARSHALL: One of the things we did
25 was look at, we got from the ISO we got greater

1 Bay Area versus Non-Bay Area loads and you can see
2 the blue line is the temperature response in the
3 greater Bay Area.

4 And you can see it's just a lot lower
5 slope.

6 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: One
7 would expect that it would be a lot lower. The
8 question is whether it's changing over time based
9 on the structural change in the appliance use in
10 the Bay Area which has obviously more people but
11 presumably fewer air conditioners.

12 But if that's changing then that would
13 of course affect the results.

14 MS. MARSHALL: Yeah, but I think one of
15 the differences, other differences between PG&E
16 and Edison is a greater diversity in the climate
17 regions. So you have this big, if we do an
18 analysis of the 1 in 10 temperature for each of
19 these areas separately, yeah, it's around six
20 percent.

21 But when we do the whole of northern
22 California jointly, it's 3.6 percent. So the
23 diversity in the temperature and the lack of
24 coincidence there is offsetting. And that's why I
25 think you see relatively few extreme temperature

1 events in the PG&E area as a whole.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Did you
3 have a comment Rich on this?

4 MR. ASLIN: Yeah, thanks for reminding
5 me of that. That's was one of the things I wanted
6 to bring up actually. One thing that happens is
7 as you move to more extreme temperature type
8 events you do lose diversity.

9 So it is true that naturally PG&E's
10 service territory has a number of micro climates.
11 It's 50 to a 100 or something according to our
12 meteorology team.

13 But as we move into more extreme heat
14 storm events you lose that diversity. So you
15 start to, that's what happens in all extreme
16 events. You lose diversity and all of a sudden
17 things start to happen in ways that you couldn't
18 really envision just using the averages.

19 So, again I just think it's something we
20 need to explore. All the other ones and tens seem
21 to be very high relative to PG&E's. And again the
22 ISO, I don't know exactly what temperature
23 statistic they use but they came up with a 6.5
24 percent 1 in 10 over the 1 in 2. So it's
25 something that we need to explore. That's all I'm

1 asking.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
3 you. Other questions?

4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: You know I
5 can't help but think that because you are doing
6 this and that you're doing this forecasting
7 differently than you have in previous years. That
8 there's a, you know, a reflection of a corporate
9 philosophy change here as well. And that's
10 probably in my mind that's factoring into your
11 thinking somewhat as well.

12 I agree, I don't know if I'm saying that
13 properly. But clearly there's been some changes
14 in the way PG&E thinks about climate change. And
15 the way you're now doing your forecasting is
16 differently than it's been done in previous years.

17 MR. ASLIN: I agree with that. We have
18 really accepted that global climate is something
19 that we need to start to understand and adapt to
20 now. And, yeah, so last summer was a real wake-up
21 call.

22 And we took a lot of steps to try to
23 beef up our analysis of temperatures, our
24 understanding of the effects of temperatures. And
25 we're going to keep doing that. So, yeah I agree

1 that that's definitely true.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
3 you. Are there other questions? Thank you.

4 MR. ASLIN: Yep.

5 MS. MARSHALL: Edison, we'll have
6 comments now from Art Canning of Edison. There
7 you go. So you can just page down.

8 MR. CANNING: Page down.

9 MS. MARSHALL: Down there, there.

10 MR. CANNING: Good morning
11 commissioners, my name is Art Canning from
12 Southern California Edison. Staff it's nice to
13 see you here again and talk to you again.

14 Now which button was it here?

15 MS. MARSHALL: It was this one.

16 MR. CANNING: Oh, okay. Here we go.
17 Well Rick Aslin said he didn't have a big issue
18 with the staff forecast. We do.

19 And as you can see on the board there
20 our long term procurement plan forecast is twelve
21 hundred and thirty-seven megawatts higher than the
22 staff forecast for 2008 for the research adequacy
23 part.

24 That's 5.4 percent. If you'll remember
25 the staff was using a 1.5 percent for us. So

1 that's three and a half years worth of growth or
2 one large generator. So it's a significant
3 difference.

4 Now where is the difference coming from?
5 So one part is the starting point. So when we did
6 a weather adjustment of 2006 summer we come up
7 with about 23,000 megawatts as the weather
8 adjusted number.

9 The staff did an analysis and came up
10 with a 22,417. So that's 580. So that's about
11 half the difference of to the starting point. And
12 not surprising the other half is due to the growth
13 rate.

14 The footnote down at the bottom here was
15 that the staff last year in weather adjusting 2005
16 found 2005 was 22,442. So actually they showed a
17 decline from 2005 to '06.

18 But when I read the micro print in the
19 analysis they reanalyzed 2005 and lowered it to
20 22,317. So actually there was a little bit of
21 growth.

22 But it always seems like everything just
23 keeps going down. So and that's really the frame
24 of the staff analysis with Edison. It just seems
25 like they're a lot lower than us in a lot of

1 different places.

2 In the growth rate, the other half of
3 the source of difference. We've got about a two
4 and a half, 2.8 percent growth rate. Staff is
5 using 1.5. And 1.5 comes from the September 2005
6 California Energy Demand CEC Report from the staff
7 which is getting a little bit old, a little long
8 in the tooth perhaps.

9 Lynn I'm going to quote you as saying,
10 you're not seeing the load growth continue at the
11 rate that it has the last several years. Well I'm
12 going to put some words in your mouth.

13 You're using 1.5 percent which is a two
14 year old number. Now unless you've done some IEPR
15 for 2007 analysis it says, we're still only
16 growing 1.5. What you really should say is you
17 assumed 1.5 and we really haven't looked at
18 whether it's still a good number or not.

19 MS. MARSHALL: Yeah, well I was
20 referring to the '05, '06. Lights, is this on?

21 MR. CANNING: Okay, '05, '06.

22 MS. MARSHALL: Yeah, I was referring to
23 the fact that from 2005 to 2006 we have not seen
24 that any level of growth.

25 MR. CANNING: Great, I got it. Thanks,

1 I understand. That's a different point then.

2 Okay, next page. This one comes out of
3 the long term procurement plan reply comments
4 Edison made. The time change is different.

5 I'm looking at 2004 to 2011. And I just
6 wanted to say that well that I made the point that
7 the energy forecasts are about the same growth
8 rate between staff and Edison. But the peak
9 demands are quite a bit different.

10 Edison has quite a bit higher peak
11 demand forecasts than energy forecasts. And what
12 this means is a declining load factor. You're
13 becoming more peaky.

14 And it's not the way we make the
15 forecast. But it's a metric that comes out of
16 making the forecast.

17 So this could be happening. Peak demand
18 is growing faster than energy for a number of
19 different reasons. And we can talk about those.

20 But the main thing is it seems to be a
21 difference in the staff outlook and ours. And the
22 load factor again, I'll go to the next page. I
23 think we're plotting that.

24 Here's the recorded and weather adjusted
25 load factor. And load factor is the average

1 hourly demand divided by the peak hour demands.
2 There's always going to be a ratio under a hundred
3 percent.

4 And you can see the heavy dark line is
5 our estimate of what the weather adjusted load
6 factor was. And it was running there a little
7 above 65 percent and then it seems somewhere in
8 the late '90s it started trending down.

9 The white circle dots are the recorded
10 numbers. And those definitely show a trend. But
11 the weather adjusted is what I would go by.

12 We think it's a trend. And we think
13 it's going to continue. Now again it's not how we
14 make the forecast but it what comes out of it.

15 It's happened before. This one goes all
16 the way back to 1952. During the 50 to 1970 time
17 period we were winter peaking. And we're up there
18 way up there at 65 percent load factor.

19 Our first summer peak you can see is
20 when we in '69 and then '70 and '71 was when that
21 load factor starts dropping for a decade. So for
22 10 years when the peak demand was, the summer peak
23 was growing so much faster than energy we have to
24 solve the climbing load factor.

25 And then it just makes another turn

1 right around 1980 and stays essentially flat for
2 another 15 years it looks like.

3 I've never been able to model what it
4 was. I mean I know people moving inland, air
5 conditioners a lot of things going on. But it's
6 not fair to show a winter peak historical back in
7 the 50s and 60s and it's a summer peak.

8 But in any case a long term or a
9 declining load has happened before. So it could
10 be happening now. And we just point to that as
11 one possibility. We believe it. We believe that
12 it is going down and it'll continue to go down for
13 a few more years.

14 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Do you have a
15 reason for why you think it's going to continue to
16 go down other than just looking at data.

17 MR. CANNING: We don't have any model
18 results. What we look at is when we talk about it
19 and this is partly a judgement call. A lot of
20 what's happened since 2000, people have taken a
21 lot of money out of refinancing the house and
22 rebuilding homes, especially along the beach
23 communities.

24 Where now they're putting in two story
25 homes with air conditioning. My next door

1 neighbor is that, a 1943 twelve hundred square
2 foot house is now a 2006 twenty-six hundred square
3 house. It's probably got three times the cubic
4 space and it's air conditioned.

5 Now he's probably only going to use that
6 on a few days a year relatively in Long Beach. So
7 what it'll do is tend to make the peak demand even
8 peakier. In other words he won't turn it on at
9 when system effective temperature is in the
10 moderate range but the very, very high range when
11 Long Beach finally gets hot. And then he's going
12 to turn it on.

13 We don't have good statistics on how
14 many houses are remodelled. That's what we've
15 been trying to get out. We did find how much
16 money was taken through refinancing from 2000.
17 It's just humongous amounts of money was taken out
18 nationwide and in California, people taking equity
19 out of their homes.

20 We noticed that construction employment
21 seems to go up even when the number of housing
22 units, faster than the number of new housing units
23 going up. But we don't have a good number on
24 remodels. I think that's a big part of it.

25 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Do you

1 have numbers on air conditioning saturation,
2 central air conditioning, size of home, those
3 kinds of statistics?

4 MR. CANNING: We know the homes are
5 getting larger. And I don't have that statistic
6 with me. But it's gone from like twelve hundred,
7 it's gone up by a couple hundred square feet over
8 eight years or ten years. I don't think it's,
9 it's something about a fact, most homes are being
10 built out in the eastern end of our service area.
11 San Jacinto Valley is a big growth area which is
12 very, very hot. So that's having some effect.

13 But again, we've been building new homes
14 in the hot areas for 30 years. That's probably
15 not something that has changed. Something else is
16 going on here.

17 And when I stop and think about what's
18 going on new I think a lot of it has to do with
19 rebuild near the beach and putting air
20 conditioners in the houses that didn't used to use
21 it or only as on peak.

22 Well let me go back. Actually that last
23 graph. Here's more how we do the forecast. We
24 break the forecast into what's weather sensitive
25 and what's the base demand.

1 This is just a plot of the weather
2 sensitive components. So it shows the megawatts
3 per degree Fahrenheit, the weather sensitivity of
4 the system. And it's been growing.

5 Now there's a quote of 5.7 percent from
6 2001 to 2006. And everyone screams, ah 2001 that
7 was a recession. It's more like four percent from
8 2002 on. In any case, it's been growing, the
9 sensitivity.

10 And I think this is where the growth is
11 coming from. This is why we're going to continue
12 to see over 1.5 load growth. This is a big part
13 of it. As the weather sensitivity gets more as
14 well as then you get more customers coming in here
15 too.

16 I'm going to change the tone of my
17 comments slightly here. When we turned over the
18 report to our statistician he took a look at what
19 the CEC had done and had a few technical comments.

20 Let me just, the first thing is the
21 Divar variable. When we use it we multiply max
22 times the min temperatures so that a high minimum
23 temperature at night really increases the effect
24 of temperature.

25 We found there's a lot of statistical

1 colinearity between Divar and temperature. And
2 it's biasing your coefficients.

3 Point number two, first order serial
4 correlation, that's what the statistician talked
5 about. And point three goes along with it.

6 I step back and say, wait a second.
7 What we had in 2006 and I'm sorry I didn't bring
8 those graphs was the hottest summer in terms of
9 energy that we've ever seen.

10 So it was the second hottest June in
11 terms of average daily temperature and the hottest
12 July. The July was three and a half standard
13 deviations above normal, the average temperature.

14 Also in early 2006 we had a rate
15 increase. And from state law for residential
16 customers you weren't allowed to put any increase
17 in the baseline component, only in the top tiers.

18 Well that sort of, and the increase was
19 set to collect the right amount of money, assuming
20 an average summer. Well Mother Nature conspired
21 and gave us six to eight weeks of continuous hot
22 temperature.

23 People in the high usage range who have
24 big air conditioners, their bills soared. And
25 they started going into what I'll call perhaps

1 rate shock might be a little too exaggerated but
2 they started seeing really high bills.

3 And by mid July they'd all gotten a June
4 bill and started to get July bills. They were
5 starting to do something. And what we found is
6 they cut back in everything except their air
7 condition use.

8 They cut back in air condition use. But
9 they cut back in base load we think too. In other
10 words, turn off the lights kid. keep the
11 refrigerator closed. That bill was just too high.
12 But we still want to be comfortable.

13 What points two and three here would be.
14 They can also be explained by the weather
15 sensitivity was higher in June and through the
16 first part of July. And then by August the
17 weather sensitivity actually dropped.

18 Because people were really trying to cut
19 back on their electricity after they had already
20 gotten this humongous bill. How can they try and
21 save some money.

22 So we think that in the last half of
23 summer that people were probably cutting back on
24 their usage. And we've seen some statistics that
25 showed that, yes, they did.

1 Also the temperatures cooled off. So it
2 gave them less, it helped on that too. So points
3 two and three here are what's printed is
4 statistical. I think actually what went on was
5 something else.

6 It's consumer behavior switched as the
7 bills kept coming in through the middle of July
8 and the end of July. And then our peak was in, on
9 the 24th, 25th of July. So it was near the end of
10 July.

11 And everyone had gotten a high bill. If
12 they were air conditioner users, it was a high
13 bill. Now the low use customers didn't see any
14 increase. No increase in bill, no increase in
15 usage. Those rates were frozen.

16 Point four, Saturdays and Sundays, we
17 advised the staff to use a separate variable for
18 Saturday, a separate variable for Sunday and a
19 separate variable for holidays.

20 We find that we get hundreds of
21 megawatts of difference between those coefficients
22 rather than combining them all as one. It might
23 not be work with your model but that's what works
24 with ours.

25 Point five is the same point I brought

1 up before. There is no discussion that 1.5 is
2 still a valid number.

3 Now in our 2007 IEPR Lynn we sent you
4 recorded data up through the middle of April,
5 hourly loads. I don't know if you've looked at
6 those hourly loads compared to the same period of
7 2006 versus 2007.

8 If you haven't then I would urge the
9 commissioners to ask the staff for what is
10 happening out there right now.

11 I can say we're growing a lot faster
12 than 1.5 percent. And now that's the winter and
13 you're going to want to do some weather
14 adjustment. But even that we can say is quite a
15 bit faster.

16 So we pull off the ISO loads hourly
17 everyday and analyze them and forecast those. And
18 through the third week in May the ISO was growing
19 3.2 in 2007 over 2006. So that's the whole ISO
20 service area.

21 Edison I think is a little bit on the
22 higher side of that. So I think that's something
23 you need to know that when you're judging how to
24 slice this baby, how to divide it, how to pick
25 this forecast, that the load growth, something is

1 going on out there.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I'm
3 sorry what load growth, oh it's a four percent
4 that you would suggest the staff use?

5 MR. CANNING: Yes, yeah, we're looking
6 at more like three and a half percent for the next
7 few year. But something higher than one and a
8 half, definitely.

9 And I could say, we are seeing something
10 higher than one and a half. Now what will happen
11 in the summer is still, there's uncertainty about
12 that.

13 And the last point I brought up before.
14 The staff has actually has got the right numbers.
15 They show a 100 megawatt growth between 2005 and
16 '06 which, you know we had 1.5 percent customer
17 growth. We had 2.5 percent sales growth. A lot
18 of that was weather.

19 There's more things going on that
20 indicate that peak demand should have grown. So
21 2006 in all my years of analyzing weather which is
22 over 35 now at Edison, it was the hardest summer
23 to weather adjust. It just didn't seem to make
24 sense.

25 Lynn can I have you come up here and

1 pull page nine of your presentation on the Edison
2 forecast.

3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: While she's
4 doing that may I ask, the 1.5 percent customer
5 growth, that's number of meters?

6 MR. CANNING: Yeah, that's number of
7 customers active meters. It's the number of
8 meters also is very close to that. It was, it
9 slowed down with the building turn down. But it's
10 still in the 1.4 percent range.

11 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Can I also ask,
12 going back to your, you don't have to go back to
13 it, but back on slide four you, sources of
14 differences SCE's long-term procurement plans
15 shows a 2.8 percent growth. Does that incorporate
16 the A/C cycling programs, demand response, energy
17 efficiency?

18 MR. CANNING: No, that only includes, no
19 it doesn't include any of the demand response.
20 That's considered a supply variable.

21 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Thanks.

22 MR. CANNING: No, not 19, number oh no.
23 I'll show you what I want.

24 MS. MARSHALL: Which one? The first
25 one?

1 MR. CANNING: Yes, this one.

2 MS. MARSHALL: Okay.

3 MR. CANNING: Okay Lynn, I'm going to
4 ask you to do a little volunteer for me. Go up
5 there and point to the two data points, well first
6 you might point out, what was the peak day for the
7 black point. You know which one it is?

8 MS. MARSHALL: Uh-hum, right.

9 MR. CANNING: Since I don't have a
10 little pointer here, if you could just go point --

11 MR. GORIN: There's a pointer in the
12 drawer.

13 MS. MARSHALL: Oh, actually that drawer
14 was a mess. If you can take the mess. Okay,
15 maybe I can help you with that.

16 MR. CANNING: Okay, so we got, that's
17 the actual peak day. Now if you move to the left
18 about an inch from here, now further. Okay, those
19 two dates.

20 MS. MARSHALL: Uh-hum.

21 MR. CANNING: Those are two days that,
22 you know, it's going to be interesting. So their
23 peaks are eyeballing us at somewhere around 22,500
24 looks like from the graph.

25 And at a temperature of, and it's kind

1 of hard from the parallax here, is it about 95
2 degrees, 96 degrees?

3 MS. MARSHALL: Yeah, uh-hum.

4 MR. CANNING: So if you took those two
5 days and say, well what if we weather adjust them
6 up to what would be on the peak day. In other
7 words take an actual day and say, what would the
8 people have done at 102 degrees or whatever your
9 peak day temperature is.

10 At 400 megawatts a degree and you add
11 five degrees on, you're going to add a couple
12 thousand megawatts here. So actually we had some
13 days that if you weather adjusted those days up to
14 the peak day, the customers were acting in a
15 behavior in that point in time as if the weather
16 adjusted peak would be more in the range of 23,000
17 not twenty-two four.

18 So there, as I said, 2006 is a tricky
19 year to weather adjust. I think the staff
20 numbers, the starting point is low, the growth
21 rate is low, both of those contribute to a low
22 2008 number.

23 And we recommend the Commission look at
24 something than what the staff is recommending.

25 MR. GORIN: I'd like to make a comment

1 about that chart.

2 MR. CANNING: Sure.

3 MR. GORIN: If you put a trend line
4 however statistically incorrect it may be through
5 both of those years there's no discernible
6 difference that trend line, between each trend
7 line.

8 The point is that for the most part
9 those temperature load relationships fall on top
10 of each other. The greatest difference is in 2005
11 there was a lot more lower temperature occurrences
12 in Edison than there were in 2006.

13 MR. CANNING: That's true, 2006 had a
14 lot of hot days.

15 MR. GORIN: And there can be rate shock
16 from people paying higher bills. There can also
17 be acclimation to hot weather. If it's a 100
18 degrees for two weeks and then it's 80. It feels
19 good.

20 Rather than if it's 80 for two weeks and
21 then it's a 100 for two days, right?

22 MR. CANNING: Yes. Any other questions?

23 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: None for
24 me, Jeff?

25 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Well I'd like

1 to, the does the staff have the other responses
2 with regards to why we're seeing such a big
3 difference between the projections that SCE is
4 putting up and our own? I noticed you had some
5 additional backups. Did you want to go into any
6 of those?

7 MR. GORIN: Sure.

8 MS. MARSHALL: Well I think this slide
9 just gives a little different perspective on or a
10 longer term perspective on the growth we have seen
11 in recent years. A lot of the growth 2001 is
12 merely bringing us back up to the trend we were on
13 before the energy crises and before the end of the
14 tech bubble.

15 So if you look, this is our megawatts
16 per degree of relationships. If you look at the
17 trend just of the load, the growth in that
18 megawatt per degree since 2001, yeah it looks like
19 really rapid growth.

20 But starting with the trend, the pink
21 lines, back beginning in 1993 what it looks like
22 actually is just that we've been moving back up to
23 the temperature response trend that we were on
24 previously.

25 And now that's starting to level off. I

1 think Art's point about maybe this load growth was
2 associated with low interest rates and
3 refinancing, remodelling. That's I think a good
4 hypothesis. The question is whether in the
5 current environment we're going to expect that to
6 continue over the next couple of years.

7 So that's all.

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: I was going to
9 ask Lynn if you might also that you've looked at
10 this load factor trending that Mr. Canning has
11 identified on his slide seven where they saw a
12 prolonged ten year drop in load factor then it
13 flattens out for a number of years and now, I
14 think he's characterizing that we're beginning to
15 see another significant drop. Have you looked at
16 this load factor kind of data?

17 MR. GORIN: There's a historic load
18 factor report that was written for the last IEPR
19 that's on the website somewhere. The drop
20 starting in '69 I think is the discovery of
21 central air conditioning.

22 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Right.

23 MR. GORIN: And then there's a levelling
24 out when it was relatively fully saturated. The
25 peak around 2000 is the, the uptick around 2001

1 could be associated with the energy crises and
2 people not using, afraid to use their air
3 conditioners.

4 And I would argue that the drop in the
5 load factor since then is people returning to
6 normal business as usual in the use of their air
7 conditioning. And maybe it's true that people are
8 remodelling their house.

9 We have a fairly large saturation of air
10 conditioning in the coastal region of Southern
11 California Edison's territory. And those people
12 have a really low load factor.

13 MR. CANNING: If I could just bring up,
14 if we look at the slide on the board here. Lynn
15 has the long-term trend from '93 on. And if you
16 look at, starting at '95 which was as we were
17 coming out of the aerospace recession, '95 is the
18 last dot 2006 of the pink?

19 Yeah, eleven years of upward growth
20 through a business cycle there. That's a whole
21 different trend. So I think that's what we're
22 thinking is continuing.

23 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
24 you Mr. Canning.

25 MR. CANNING: Thanks.

1 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Melissa,
2 Suzanne do you have a comment or questions? Thank
3 you.

4 MS. MARSHALL: Would San Diego like to
5 make any comments? Okay, well we'll just leave
6 that.

7 MR. BONDER: Okay, now we're fine. Tim
8 Bonder with San Diego Gas and Electric Company.

9 MS. MARSHALL: You'll need to speak
10 closer to the mic.

11 MR. BONDER: I'm sorry, okay. Are we on
12 now, okay. I'm Tim Bonder from San Diego Gas and
13 Electric Company in the forecasting area. And I'd
14 like to make a few comments.

15 We have nothing to present today. But
16 I'd still like to make a few comments. Staff, I
17 guess I'd also like to say that we've got no rocks
18 to throw at staff's forecast of our area for
19 years.

20 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: That's
21 comforting.

22 MR. BONDER: You know 2007 through 2008,
23 as a matter of fact the forecast that we submitted
24 as part of the 2007 IEPR process the comparison
25 that staff is making of their forecast for this

1 process is to the forecast that we filed for the
2 2007 IEPR.

3 The comparison that staff is making of
4 their forecast for this process is to the forecast
5 that we filed for the 2007 IEPR. And we're
6 within, oh, 33 to 49 megawatts of each other which
7 is one percent or less.

8 So like I said with that small of a
9 difference for those years 2007, 2008 we're pretty
10 satisfied.

11 I'd like to mention that two years ago
12 when we were making our forecast presentation for
13 IEPR 2005 staff, CEC staff and SDG&E staff was
14 directed by Commissioner Geesman to share data,
15 share weather data and to dialogue.

16 And I'm kind of happy to report that
17 over those past two years we've been sharing data.
18 We have shared our weather history data with
19 staff. We've shared our humidity data, our cloud
20 cover data, our temperature data and we've
21 dialogued with them for two years now.

22 And I can't say that staff has
23 incorporated all of our techniques into their
24 techniques. But the bottom line is even though
25 we're still approaching it slightly different, the

1 bottom line is our numbers are pretty close.

2 Again, we submitted our IEPR 2007 to
3 this process and will be reviewing staff's IEPr
4 2007 shortly. And so I just hope that we can
5 continue our dialogue and hope it continues to go
6 in the same direction. Those are our comments.

7 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
8 you very much. Melissa to pass on to Commissioner
9 Geesman that, in fact, his directions worked at
10 least as far as San Diego Gas and Electric goes.

11 MS. MARSHALL: Okay. Is there any other
12 utilities want to make any comments on this
13 matter?

14 MR. ZETTEL: Nick Zettel from Redding
15 Electric Utility. I have a few things I wanted to
16 run through real quick.

17 One is based the annual growth number,
18 that percentage number. Two is Art's load factor
19 chart which Redding shares the declining number
20 which the trend doesn't look good for either Art
21 or myself. And three is a concept of load
22 duration. So I'll just start with number one, the
23 annual growth.

24 Redding is historically, I'd say for the
25 last 20 years used past experience, past

1 temperatures which staff has done a great job.

2 But we also incorporate some of the economic
3 measures or econometrics.

4 And something that Redding noticed last
5 summer was we've had huge housing growth,
6 residential growth in the area, just like
7 Sacramento, Folsom, Natomas. The housing starts
8 that we've seen this year are dramatically down.

9 So when we were forecasting in 2003,
10 four, five, six the numbers were getting pretty
11 high. And now we've kind of had to go back to the
12 drawing board and take a look again at what has
13 happened to the growth.

14 Number two is, what has happened to
15 migration, residential and particularly
16 commercial, industrial as some of the major
17 industries are pushing either off seas or into
18 other states due to all kinds of issues from
19 Worker's Compensation to energy costs to what have
20 you.

21 And one of the other issues we look at
22 is competing sources for income. And one of the
23 other big driving factors there is gasoline costs
24 are going up, food costs are going up, mortgages
25 are higher so how much electricity is going to be

1 used compared to in the past.

2 So those are some of the econometrics
3 that we look at to help develop our growth numbers
4 versus just historical trending and regression.

5 Getting to load factor which really has
6 a lot to do with annual growth, something that we
7 have noticed is homes and businesses are a lot
8 more efficient than they used to be, energy
9 efficient not capacity efficient.

10 Energy Star appliances use a lot less
11 power. Title 24 is a lot of efficiency
12 improvements. But everybody it seems like is
13 getting an air conditioner installed and sometimes
14 two of them.

15 And Redding did this study that we were
16 looking at an air conditioner and we actually
17 plugged it into a monitor and monitored the
18 temperature, the refrigerant as it got hotter and
19 hotter and hotter.

20 And what we noticed is a five ton air
21 conditioner which is pretty common size for a
22 residential home which usually demanded about five
23 kilowatts or one kilowatt per ton was actually
24 demanding somewhere around ten to twelve kilowatts
25 on that real hot day last summer.

1 And we talked to some engineers about it
2 and they informed us that these new air
3 conditioners have higher pressure refrigerants
4 which get hot and expand and make it a lot more
5 work for the compressor to do its thing.

6 And the bottom line for me is without
7 getting too scientific is these air conditioners
8 the new high SEER, high EER air conditioners are
9 efficient on an energy basis but when it gets real
10 hot in that one day and those three hours it
11 really hurts your demand which really hurts your
12 load factor. Because load factor is based on one
13 number over a year.

14 Which gets to load duration. And load
15 duration is simply the number, you take the 8,760
16 hours over a year and you look at how much
17 capacity was demanded and I call it my 25 hour
18 problem in Redding. My load duration, I will jump
19 from 200 megawatts to 250 in 25 hours out of
20 8,760.

21 And when we start to look at what can we
22 do to offset this. Do we raise our forecasts? Do
23 we buy more peak capacity? Or can we shift that
24 to some other hours? We are looking at all of
25 those.

1 But I think that staff has done a great
2 job. And I like the insight from the IOUs, Edison
3 and San Diego and PG&E. And I just thought throw
4 in some economics and some of the load factor
5 issues that we've been seeing in Redding. I
6 appreciate it.

7 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
8 you very much for sharing those, interesting.

9 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: If I may before
10 you leave I, this is news to me with regard to a
11 five ton A/C unit. I mean it doesn't saturate on
12 its use of electricity.

13 You're saying during very high
14 temperature differences it can use up to twice the
15 kilowatts.

16 MR. ZETTEL: Yes.

17 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Is there anyone
18 here on staff that can, this doesn't really have
19 anything to do with today's workshop except that
20 it might help to explain why we don't see
21 saturation on A/C when we get these really high
22 temperatures.

23 Is there anyone here on staff that could
24 talk to this issue? Okay.

25 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I don't

1 think, we'll talk to the appliance people.

2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Yes, we're
3 going to definitely look into that. Thank you
4 very much for coming and for your input.

5 MR. ZETTEL: No problem, thank you.

6 MS. MARSHALL: Okay, is there anyone
7 else that would like to make comments? No. Do
8 you have any more questions on this topic or can
9 we move on?

10 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I don't.
11 Melissa? Melissa or Suzanne? Now I don't know
12 how long we're planning, I don't mind going into
13 the supply and demand outlook. Should we start
14 that now or take lunch now? How long will this be
15 Denny?

16 MR. BROWN: I've got 15 to 20 minutes of
17 comments. And then just depending on the --

18 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Why
19 don't we go ahead.

20 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Good morning,
21 I'm Denny Brown with the Electricity Analysis
22 Office and I will just do a quick overview of our
23 Summer 2000 (sic) Electricity Supply and Demand
24 Outlook, briefly talk about the purpose of the
25 report and the workshop.

1 I discuss some changes from our 2006
2 studies. Present the 2007 outlooks in both the
3 deterministic and a probabilistic format. And
4 just briefly cover some resource assumptions. And
5 then I really want to get into some next steps for
6 2008.

7 So why publish a report on the 2007
8 outlook and have a workshop on May 24th when 2007
9 is upon us? We've actually presented the results
10 of this three times now.

11 We presented it in December to the EAP.
12 Commissioner Byron presented it to the Assembly on
13 March 29th. And then it was updated and refreshed
14 for the EAP two days ago.

15 So we just really wanted to formalize
16 the documentation and the assumptions that we used
17 in the outlook.

18 Second and most important at this point
19 is we're starting our 2008 and our five year,
20 excuse me, 2008 and five year outlook. And we
21 wanted to throw out some topics that we'd like to
22 add to our analysis as well as solicit additional
23 topics that you would like us to incorporate and
24 some suggestions on how to incorporate those.

25 The 2007 deterministic tables no longer

1 include the operating reserve margin calculations
2 under expected or adverse conditions. Staff felt
3 like it's too difficult to forecast on a single
4 point or two point forecasts with any certainty a
5 supply or a demand scenario.

6 We do continue to calculate
7 deterministic tables up to the planning reserve
8 margin and this planning reserve is similar to
9 what is used in resource adequacy proceedings at
10 the PUC.

11 Second, we've added probability analysis
12 for the CA ISO and the NP 26 regions, sub-region
13 of the ISO, to go along with the SP 26 region that
14 we did in 2006.

15 Again, the summer 2007 deterministic
16 tables present only to the planning reserve
17 margin. And we have four tables that we do,
18 statewide, CA ISO, North Path 26 and South Path
19 26.

20 Our probabilistic analysis only covers
21 the three regions of CA ISO, NP 26 and SP 26.
22 Because the statewide system is made up of several
23 control areas and doesn't operate as an integrated
24 system we do not include a probabilistic
25 assessment for that.

1 This chart just provides a summary of
2 all four regions in the, to the planning reserve
3 margin in the deterministic format. This is the
4 peak month for each of these regions. So NP 26
5 would be July, SP 26 is the late August/September
6 time frame and ISO and Statewides, they are both
7 August.

8 Here we see SP 26 once again has the
9 lowest planning reserve margin. However it still
10 exceeds the 15 to 17 percent required by the
11 resource adequacy.

12 And this just breaks out these tables
13 into a monthly format. And I would like to point
14 out on the, looking at the CA ISO and when I get
15 to the SP and NP regions I've included the
16 complete range of demand that we've included in
17 our probabilistic analysis. Complete range of
18 forced outages assumptions as well as transmission
19 outages.

20 And again the same thing for NP and SP
21 26 with ranges at the bottom. So moving into a
22 probabilistic assessment from a deterministic one
23 we looked at the factors on this chart to. These
24 are the major factors that we see affecting supply
25 adequacy.

1 The factors that are in gray are the
2 ones that we've added probabilistic assessment or
3 we've randomized. And basically how we do this is
4 we take our supply estimates based on the
5 deterministic tables and we, in one case we will
6 randomize a generation outage, randomize a level
7 of transmission outages and we'll come out with a
8 net supply.

9 Then we'll capture a random demand value
10 based off 54 years of historic temperature. And
11 we looked to see what the operating reserve margin
12 is for that one draw.

13 We then repeat this for 5,000 draws so
14 we can get a complete range of operating reserve.
15 And the operating reserve values are summarized by
16 the blue line on this chart. This particular one
17 is for the California ISO.

18 Now at the point of the seven percent
19 operating reserve margin we include additional
20 resources which have the effect of reducing
21 demand. And that's the demand response of what's
22 traditionally triggered by a stage one event
23 called by the ISO.

24 And then again at five percent we get
25 the stage two which triggers voluntary demand

1 response as well as interruptible load programs.
2 And I'll, I know the numbers get pretty small down
3 there at the bottom of this chart so I'll
4 summarize a little bit in a couple of slides
5 later.

6 The same information for the NP 26
7 region. Again very low probability, a very low
8 risk associated with a stage three, involuntary
9 load curtailment event.

10 And SP 26, we do see a higher risk level
11 of, all three levels of calling demand response,
12 calling on voluntary interruptible load programs,
13 as well as a firm load curtailment possibility.

14 And perhaps an easier way to read these
15 graphs, we've included this bar chart so looking
16 at California ISO we've got about a 14 percent
17 probability that we're going to need voluntary
18 demand response this summer. And that, again, for
19 each of the three regions.

20 And then finally the one that really
21 draws our attention is the loss of firm load. And
22 so for -- The ISO and NP 26 both have less than
23 one percent probability of loss of firm load this
24 summer, SP 26 it's 3.8 percent.

25 I've included the WECC planning standard

1 on this chart. Just one caveat is we're looking
2 at one day, peak day analysis and the WECC loss of
3 load probability is an eighty-seven, sixty
4 requirement.

5 Just going through some of the resource
6 assumptions. These haven't changed a lot. This
7 is as of August 1, 2006 for the existing. So we
8 just incorporated all the additions we saw from
9 August 1, '05 to '06. And that's the only change
10 in this table.

11 The SP 26 region does include a little
12 over a 1,000 megawatts of generation physically
13 located in Baja. And the non-California ISO
14 totals include all hydro and thermal resources.

15 These are the additions that we are
16 expecting going back to August 1st of last year.
17 Many of them are already on the line.

18 A couple of them that we are keeping a
19 close eye on are in the Edison service territory,
20 the Long Beach Repower as well as the Edison
21 Regional Peakers that were approved by the PUC
22 last year. This value actually for the peakers
23 includes four of the five that were approved.

24 And also we're keeping an eye on the
25 Roseville Energy Park as well. And the reason

1 we're kind of watching those is because they're
2 expected on line. We say here in August, but our
3 break point is the first of the month. So
4 anything that comes on after July 1st counts as
5 August 1. So they may or may not be available
6 during a summer peak.

7 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Mr. Brown.

8 MR. BROWN: Yes.

9 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Two questions.

10 One, the megawatt additions, are those derated in
11 some way?

12 MR. BROWN: Yes thank you. This is the
13 summer dependable capacity derate.

14 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: And when is the
15 last time you got an update from either the ISO or
16 Southern California Edison with regard to the on
17 line date for those peakers? I know we checked on
18 this just before we gave the presentation to the
19 Assembly. Have you checked since then?

20 MR. BROWN: I believe it was right after
21 the Assembly they were still on target. I don't
22 remember the exact date. But they were still on
23 target for four of the five.

24 And the EAP it was brief. That Long
25 Beach was on target. But I didn't catch the

1 update on papers. I can check into that.

2 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Okay.

3 MR. BROWN: Here are the net interchange
4 assumptions for each of the four regions. A
5 couple of things I'd like to point out. We're
6 showing in the California ISO as well as the SP
7 region, we show 1,000 d megawatts coming from
8 LADWP's control area.

9 That's not to say that LA is in a
10 surplus situation. A lot of that is WILL power
11 coming from InterMountain Power that belongs to
12 the utilities that are within the CA ISO control
13 area as well as some of their intertie on the
14 southwest link.

15 And also on the NP to SP 26 regions we
16 show path 26 values. And the way this shows on
17 this analysis is the 3,000 megawatts is always
18 moving north to south. I'll have some additional
19 comments on this a little bit later. And we think
20 this needs additional review for the 2008 report.

21 And just to support our assumptions for
22 imports that we're assuming out of the Northwest.
23 We assume about 6,000 megawatts of imports coming
24 from the Northwest.

25 So we went to the BPA Pacific Northwest

1 Loads and Resources Studies for 2007 and looked at
2 their surplus capacity given various hydro
3 conditions out of the Northwest.

4 And in order to meet the 6,000 megawatts
5 that we need, we actually need about 5,500
6 megawatts of surplus because in their analysis
7 they are counting their firm sales to California.

8 So even looking at a 1937 water year,
9 which was the driest water year recorded, there is
10 sufficient surplus capacity in the Northwest to
11 meet our import assumptions.

12 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: If I may
13 interrupt you one more time. Do you recall right
14 off because I don't, what our surplus, what we
15 indeed got last year on say, July 24th?

16 MR. BROWN: I don't. I don't recall the
17 exact number but I'd have to go back and look at
18 the Northwest tie. But I do know we were maxing
19 out the Northwest ties.

20 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: That's right.

21 MR. BROWN: And actually it may have
22 been a little bit above the 6,000 that we were
23 counting.

24 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Right, that's
25 my recollection as well. I was just wondering if

1 you remembered the quantity.

2 MR. BROWN: I don't have the exact
3 number on that.

4 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: That's okay.
5 Thank you.

6 ADVISOR JONES: And Denny, I was also
7 going to ask what kind of a water year is
8 Bonneville having this year?

9 MR. BROWN: They are at 90 percent of
10 normal.

11 ADVISOR JONES: Okay, great, thanks.

12 MR. BROWN: The demand response and
13 interruptible programs, this is exactly the same
14 chart we used in 2006. We do know that the PUC
15 has approved several programs.

16 Edison informed us of their status
17 during the EAP two days ago. But unfortunately we
18 just haven't had an experience to see what kind of
19 dependable capacity we can count on out of these
20 interruptible programs.

21 One thing to note is that if one or two
22 of the Edison peakers don't make it on line that
23 summer, for this summer, that possibly some of
24 their additional demand response or their A/C
25 cycling programs specifically can help make up for

1 some of that capacity loss.

2 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Excuse
3 me, on the question of the dependable capacity
4 from the air conditioning cycling?

5 MR. BROWN: Yes.

6 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I mean
7 they have a long, a lot of experience with air
8 conditioning cycling. Are you not using that?

9 MR. BROWN: They do and we use that to
10 come up with the value that's here.

11 Unfortunately I think as reported at the
12 EAP on Tuesday was, they're forecasting 300
13 megawatts to be enrolled but to date they've only
14 enrolled 75 megawatts. So what they actually get
15 between now and the peak day would be much more
16 difficult to project.

17 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: I
18 thought that they had said at the EAP that they're
19 on track to get the 300 megawatts. That's my
20 confusion. So they are still saying they are but
21 they just don't have it on yet?

22 MR. BROWN: That's correct. My
23 understanding was they have 75 enrolled and they
24 are on track, they're saying on track to get 300
25 by summer.

1 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Okay.

2 MR. BROWN: Moving to the Summer 2008
3 and Five-Year Outlook Topics. Some of the topics
4 that we'd like to add for our study, the first one
5 is wind variability.

6 Looking at 2003, 2004 data we saw wind
7 performing at two to three percent of main plate
8 capacity at, during the peak hours.

9 Last year the average during the peak
10 week of July was around 12 percent and we actually
11 saw on the peak day on the 24th it was up around
12 16 percent.

13 So this is an item that we'd like to
14 additional study. And we'd also like to solicit
15 any input that the stakeholders may have to help
16 us with this, with this task.

17 We'd also like to work on developing
18 some long-term demand variables for probabilistic
19 study. And this would allow us to move not just
20 present the summer 2008 forecast in a
21 probabilistic manner but a five year forecast in a
22 probabilistic manner as well.

23 Some of the items that we need to
24 randomize to do that would be economic factors as
25 well as demographic. And many of the comments

1 that were brought up, topics that were brought up
2 during the demand portion of this workshop.

3 We'd also like to study planning reserve
4 levels to determine associates loss of firm load
5 risk. And what we mean by this is we'd like to,
6 we haven't determined the best way to do it yet is
7 either reduce resources in a particular region to
8 get down to a 15 percent planning reserve and then
9 run probability calculations to see what the loss
10 of load probability is at that level.

11 Then do the same thing at 17 percent.
12 And this would go along with what we already
13 project for the whatever the current planning
14 reserve level is for a given region.

15 One of the things, there are several hot
16 topics with the environmental issues and we're
17 attempting to study how they're going to impact
18 the overall system.

19 Recently, once-through cooling, power
20 plants that use once-through cooling technology,
21 there's been back and forth a federal regulation
22 as well as a possible state policy regarding these
23 plants.

24 And we need to determine, one, if
25 they're capable of being retrofitted to meet the

1 once-through cooling standards that may come out
2 on the first of the year and if not what the
3 impact of that would be.

4 We're also looking at some of the
5 greenhouse gas legislation that's coming forward
6 and trying to see how that will impact reliability
7 over the next five year period.

8 And finally as I mentioned before, the
9 3,000 megawatt path 26 assumption. The next slide
10 shows the actual summer 2006 path 26 net flows.
11 And as you can see there's a lot of variation from
12 day to day on this 3,000 megawatt assumption.

13 And in fact on July 24th and July 25th
14 we saw less than 1,000 megawatts flowing north to
15 south. So this would have a great variation, a
16 great impact on the probability analysis of both
17 NP 26 and SP 26 if there was some type of
18 coincident event.

19 We experienced a 1 in 26 in northern
20 California, possibly a 1 in 26 in northern
21 California, and as Lynn pointed out a 1 in 8 in
22 southern California. Had it been above a 1 in 10
23 level in both regions it would have been
24 interesting to see what these flows would have
25 been. And that's part of what we need to try and

1 determine probabilistically.

2 And so especially for the transmission
3 operators, if we could get some comments input on
4 this assumption as well. Is there any questions?

5 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Good
6 presentation, thank you. I think no other
7 questions from up here.

8 Sylvia how would you like to proceed
9 now? Do you want to get comments from the
10 utilities? We may be able to just move right in
11 rather than stopping for lunch it looks like.

12 MS. BENDER: Yes I think so.

13 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: We've
14 gone through the heart of what we have.

15 MS. BENDER: I don't know that there are
16 any other presentations that are planned at this
17 point so I think we could move directly to the
18 public comment period for both people in the
19 audience and on the phone perhaps.

20 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
21 you. Should we start by asking whether the
22 utilities have specific comments on the outlook.
23 Anything that doesn't work, anything we should pay
24 attention to.

25 MR. MINICK: I'm Mark Minick from

1 Southern California Edison. I'm manager of
2 resource planning. I want to thank Denny for the
3 presentation. Den and I have worked quite a bit
4 together on some of these things.

5 And first let me answer some your
6 questions. Yes, four out of the five peakers are
7 right now scheduled to be on line by August 1st.
8 We send a monthly report to the CPUC. Our last
9 report indicated that four out of the five would
10 be. The one in Oxnard we're having a lot of
11 difficulty signing and licensing.

12 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: And do you
13 recall what the megawatt total is on those four
14 out of five?

15 MR. MINICK: Denny actually used the
16 numbers that I gave him.

17 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Thank you very
18 much.

19 MR. MINICK: We did rate the units.
20 They're rated at about 47 to 48 megawatts nominal.
21 But that's at isokinetic conditions.

22 At the temperatures and regimes they'll
23 operate at peak we use about 44 megawatts apiece.
24 They'll vary slightly different at each site.

25 Regarding the A/C cycling. We will have

1 at least 175 megawatts of A/C cycling I think on
2 and operational by this summer. We were supposed
3 to get 300. I think we're trying to get 250. I'm
4 not sure realistically we'll get there. So I'm
5 saying that's a certain minimum we expect right
6 now.

7 We agree with Denny that probability
8 analysis is a better way to go I think in the long
9 run. I think our problem right now is when you do
10 probability analysis you're going to have to use
11 it to come up with some megawatt numbers.

12 Because we are under a guidance by you
13 and the PUC to make purchases. And we don't buy
14 to probability purchase analyses, we buy to
15 megawatts. So whatever you do I encourage you to
16 come up with a megawatt need in the future that we
17 have to meet, not a certain probability.

18 Because I'd like to understand the
19 probability analysis better. And that's an issue
20 of confidentiality in some cases.

21 I'd love to work with Denny and the
22 staff some more on what data they're using and
23 why. In many cases the data comes from the ISO so
24 it might be confidential. We haven't seen all the
25 data in the details. We may not be able to see

1 it. But I'd just like to understand it.

2 When you use forced outage rate data are
3 you using all peak hours, just the top peak hours
4 of the day or the month or the year? How are you
5 utilizing that forced outage rate data and some of
6 the other data that were use in the probability
7 analysis? There are different ways of looking at
8 it and I think we can work with that.

9 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Excuse me for
10 interrupting you. I think --

11 MR. MINICK: Sure.

12 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: perhaps a naive
13 question. Is some of our data confidential,
14 Mr. Brown? Some of the data that we use we cannot
15 share?

16 MR. BROWN: Yes, we do get a significant
17 amount of data from confidential ISO subpoena.

18 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Okay.

19 MR. MINICK: And we understand that.
20 There might be a way to aggregate it or use it so
21 we can understand it a little bit better.

22 ADVISOR JONES: Right. That's the
23 argument we keep using with you.

24 MR. MINICK: Yes, yes. We understand
25 the argument, okay, and we agree to it in some

1 cases, okay.

2 The wind probability needs to be modeled
3 correctly and I agree that wind can vary between 3
4 percent and possibly 15 percent output at the time
5 of the peak. But it changes every year and I
6 don't think we have a way of predicting what it's
7 likely to be in the future at the time of the
8 peak. So I think we need to be careful or model
9 really well what this can amount to.

10 Because as you know, you want 33 percent
11 renewables, possibly. This could be 4,000 to
12 12,000 megawatts of wind. And if we've got 12,000
13 megawatts of wind and there was a 10 or 15 percent
14 difference on peak it could mean a huge difference
15 to how many megawatts we need to supply our
16 customers.

17 And my last comment is simply one that
18 you already know. If we are going to err let's
19 err on having a little more than a little less.
20 Because the ramifications of having too few
21 resources are blackouts. The ramifications of
22 having a little bit too much means we buy a little
23 less in the future.

24 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: That's
25 fine, I thank you for that. I would suggest that

1 somebody from Edison should have a conversation
2 with President Peevey of the PUC since he still
3 thinks that you are going to have 300 megawatts of
4 air conditioning cycling this summer and was
5 rather critical that we hadn't included all 300
6 megawatts. Somebody better update that
7 information with him.

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: I plan to
9 update him on that information.

10 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Good.

11 MR. MINICK: I think there is a report
12 that goes to the PUC monthly regarding our
13 progress on those particular plants.

14 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
15 you. Any other comments on utilities or
16 otherwise?

17 MR. HATTON: Hello, my name is Curt
18 Hatton from Pacific Gas & Electric. And I'd like
19 to start with commending the CEC for starting to
20 look at a probabilistic approach. I think it
21 provides a broader perspective of supply and
22 demand and I think it will help in discussions of
23 the supply and demand situation in California.

24 I'd also like to continue to ask for
25 coordination and consultation with the PUC, the

1 CEC and the CA ISO. I know we've trying to do
2 that. I think that's a good, another good
3 perspective as we move forward, to try to have
4 consistent assumptions and consistent
5 methodologies.

6 I did have one question that came up as
7 part of your outlook. I know you had -- On the
8 CA ISO NP 26 you had maximum and minimum demands.
9 And one question I had was, do we know what the NP
10 26 demand was in the ISO? Do you happen to know
11 what that is?

12 MR. BROWN: For 2006?

13 MR. HATTON: For 2006, yes.

14 MR. BROWN: I would defer to our demand
15 office on that one.

16 MS. MARSHALL: Twenty-two, 7, 26.

17 MR. BROWN: That's 22, 7, 26.

18 MR. HATTON: Okay. Well I just wanted
19 to make sure that I was understanding how in
20 comparison of the minimum/maximum, in the
21 probabilistic range.

22 A couple of comments that I had, one was
23 on the involuntary load curtailment. I agree with
24 the CEC that load curtailment will occur before
25 planning reserves come down to a zero percent

1 level. However, as the ISO has when they declare
2 a Stage three, the question is, you know, what
3 level they declare that at.

4 The ISO in their summer assessment when
5 they were quantifying the probability of a stage
6 three level, looked at when reserves drop below
7 three percent. And that's more consistent with
8 what PG&E is using.

9 Moving to another topic. Your staff has
10 requested comments on the 2008 summer outlook as
11 well as the five year outlook. And as Rick Aslin
12 pointed out, demand is a big driver in potential
13 load curtailments in perhaps meeting demand. So I
14 would again look at demand uncertainties.

15 You had pointed out earlier that you're
16 also looking at the longer term demand variables.
17 I'd also like to add any other demand variables,
18 including perhaps just model forecast error, which
19 would increase the range of potential loads.

20 It is also important to consider that
21 beyond just the 1 in 10 low, which is a particular
22 point forecast, when we're looking at the supply
23 and demand situation on a probabilistic manner it
24 is the entire curve. So I would also have you,
25 you know, relook at how the curve is through the

1 entire spectrum from, you know, basically the 50
2 percent all the way out to the 100 percent.

3 A couple of other points. You brought
4 up interchange and looking at the path 26
5 interchange. Another topic I'd like to look at
6 also is an interchange and that's the WAPA to NP
7 26. I think we'd like to maybe reexamine how
8 we've come up with that and perhaps look at that.

9 I don't know whether you are going to be
10 looking at in the longer term how it -- perhaps
11 how the utilities or different LSEs might be
12 meeting their RPS requirements. But if we are
13 then we might have a question as to the mix of
14 technologies and that would affect the supply and
15 demand.

16 You brought up environmental impacts and
17 once-through cooling and its effect on potential
18 plants. Again this goes to more of the longer
19 five year outlook, but there are other reasons why
20 plants may or may not continue to operate and that
21 would also have an effect. So depending upon what
22 your focus is that might be another topic that
23 could be of use in the five year outlook.

24 And that's all the comments I have.
25 Thank you.

1 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: Thank
2 you. Other comments? Anyone in the room?

3 Anybody on the phone? Is there anybody
4 on the phone who would like to make comments?

5 All right. Final comments, Commissioner
6 Byron?

7 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Having not
8 participated in one of these peak demand forecast
9 workshops I found it very informative. I would
10 like to certainly thank the staff. But most of
11 all I'd like to thank those that went out of their
12 way to be here today to provide us with comment
13 input. I think it will be very helpful to the
14 IEPR.

15 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: It's one
16 of the building blocks in the IEPR so thank you
17 all very much. Good day.

18 ASSOCIATE MEMBER BYRON: Thank you.

19 PRESIDING MEMBER PFANNENSTIEL: We'll be
20 adjourned.

21 (Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the Committee
22 workshop was adjourned.)

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